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SUBJ: STUDENT VIOLENCE PROMPTS RECESS OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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SUMMARY: DEMONSTRATIONS OVER THE DEATH OF A STUDENT NOV 6 FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING A CLASH AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (ITU) (REF A) HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT AN INDEFINITE RECESS OF CLASSES AT OTHER ISTANBUL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS. END SUMMARY.

1. SINCE ITU STUDENT YASAR OZCIVIEZ, WHO DIED NOV 6, ALLEGEDLY BELONGED TO RIGHT, EXTREME RIGHT-WING IDEALIST HEARTHS (ULKU OCAKLARI) ORGANIZATION HAS PROCLAIMED HIM A MARTYR TO LEFTIST VIOLENCE. FOLLOWING WHAT HAS BECOME A TRADITION IN THE CASE OF "MARTYRED" STUDENTS OF BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT, A GROUP OF PRO-RIGHT STUDENTS, SAID TO BE LED BY IDEALIST HEARTHS, NOV 6 TOOK OZCIVLEZ' CORPSE FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND MARCHED THROUGH TOWN TO ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, WHERE THEY HELD MEMORIAL CEREMONY AND TRIED TO DISRUPT CLASSES. POLICE REPORTEDLY HAD TO INTERVENE TO PREVENT MAJOR VIOLENCE. MARCHERS THEN TOOK COFFIN TO EDIRNEKAPI GATE TO BE RETURNED TO OZCIVLEZ'S HOME NEAR KASTAMONU. CUMHURIYET NEWSPAPER NOV 7 REPORTED

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THAT THE ISTANBUL IDEALIST HEARTHS PRESIDENT (ARRESTED DURING RIGHT-

IST ATTACK ON POLICE STATION -- SEE REF B) HAD ISSUED COMMUNIQUE  
VOWING TO TAKE REVENGE FOR THE BLOOD OF ITS "MARTYRS."

3. IN WAKE OF DEMONSTRATION, GOVERNING BOARD OF STATE ACADEMY OF  
ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE DECIDED NOV 6 TO RECESS ACADEMY AND  
FOUR MAJOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS UNTIL MEANS CAN BE FOUND TO IMPROVE  
SECURITY OF STUDENTS WITHIN INSTITUTIONS. SINCE ITU HAS BEEN RE-  
CESSED UNTIL NOV 17, ISTANBUL AND BOSPHORUS UNIVERSITIES REMAIN  
PRINCIPAL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS NOT CLOSED BY VIOLENCE.

4. COMMENT: ESCALATING STUDENT VIOLENCE, WHICH IS BECOMING DAILY  
OCCURENCE, HAS ALREADY REACHED POINT WHICH FORCED CLOSURE OF MAJOR  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUIONS IN APRIL 1975. IF FURTHER CLOSURES TAKE  
PLACE THIS EARLY IN ACADEMIC YEAR, NATIONALIST FRONT GOVT. MAY  
BE FORCED TO TAKE DRACONIAN MEASURES, WHICH, IN TURN, COULD PROVOKE  
RETALIATION NOT ONLY BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT EXTREMISTS BUT BETWEEN  
MILITANTS OF BOTH SIDES AND POLICE.  
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